

College News

Friday 11 September 2009

Swan Christian College Arts Festival

'His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

Matthew 25:23

It is always exciting to reflect back on new events and once again, Swan Christian College students have excelled. The inaugural Swan Christian College Arts Festival, to replace the former Spring Concert, was a resounding success with over 500 people in attendance. Showcasing an exciting mix of music, media, drama, visual arts, song and dance presented by a range of students across the years.



From a musical perspective the audience was entertained by the College Big Band, Jazz Band and rock bands. The talents exhibited by the Year 9 Rock Band - 3 Degrees, were particularly impressive and we look forward to seeing this ongoing development. The Swan Christian College Jazz Band played with a sense of sophistication and style which left us all wanting to hear more. This band then went on to play the following night at the Western Australian Jazz Festival and received an 'excellent' commendation for their performance. The Sunday saw them at the Eisteddfod in the City of Joondalup where they came first in their category 'Instrumental Ensemble Jazz', and second overall.

Throughout the evening the drama students had the audience in stitches as they displayed their skills with impromptu 'theatre sports'. This was clearly a culmination of years of tuition and learning for them to be able to perform at such a high level. The fashion parade was also a highlight as the upcoming designers of the future were able to reveal their skills in Textiles and Design. There was a significant range of designs presented, from the exotic formal dress with copious amounts of tulle through to the elegant style dresses.

Media presentations were an outstanding feature of the evening, as the students work was able to be shown in a public forum for the first time.

Media is a fantastic opportunity for these students to engage in high level thought processes and serious issues, and project them in meaningful ways. Two such examples of these were *As My Memory Recalls* by Daniel E, Lachlan R, Samuel M and Jonathan S;

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a story of a relationship devastated by the tragic loss of life through a road accident. The second short film was *Passenger Seat* by Luke L, Victoria H and Kaitlin H; an interpretation of the effects of dependence on drug usage and the possible consequences for this. At the end of the evening it was such a delight to talk to people about the performances. The overwhelming support of the evening and our College is no surprise as once again a fantastic display of Swan talent was presented. May I take this opportunity to thank all those who were involved in making this night such a success, your efforts were well worth it. To the performers, thank you, we all enjoyed the evening and we look forward to the 2011 Swan Christian College Arts Festival.

Mr M Lewis
Principal



Swan Christian College Jazz Band
Western Australian Jazz Festival

From the Deputy Principal

DANGER - Slow down and drive courteously on our internal driveways - over 1400 students work and play on this site.

Only a few weeks ago I wrote about driving safely and carefully in our internal driveways. Again last week, I had reports of unsafe and discourteous driving on our internal driveways. One very distressed parent telephoned the College to report that a speeding car entered the driveway and drove over a duck. The driver of this car did not stop but continued speeding through the College. The duck was not completely dead and another driver had to stop to put this poor bird out of its misery.

I am sure that I do not need to remind you that this could be a small child next time.

When cars enter from Great Northern Highway the speed limit is 30kph. Inside the gates this speed limit drops to 20kph which is walking speed. Within the driveways when entering or leaving the College, we ask that drivers be patient with the traffic and courteous to other drivers. There are approximately 1400 young people from Kindergarten to Year 12 on site. I continue to be very disappointed that we have a significant number of cars that speed through our driveways and car parks with no regard to the safety of our students or staff. Please slow down and obey the speed limits. If you witness reckless driving within the College grounds please document the car model and registration, contact the College immediately and help us prevent a tragedy from occurring. We will endeavour to identify the driver.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Mrs C Blake
Deputy Principal

From the Dean of Studies

Students in Years 8 and 9 - Option Selection for 2010

Students recently received Information Booklets for 2010 and should now be finalising their *Elective Selection Form*. This needs to be discussed and signed by parents before being returned to Student Services.

Year 8s should return their form on Tuesday 15 September and Year 9s should return their form on Wednesday 16 September.

Mr M Thyer
Dean of Studies

Elective Selection Form Year 10 – 2010

The range of Year 10 Elective Subjects are listed alphabetically below. Please rank your choices, with one being the most desirable subject, two being the next most desirable subject, and so on. You must return this Elective Selection Form to Student Services on Wednesday 18 September 2009. Please rank your first eight choices.

Student's Name: _____ PC Group: _____

Subject	Rank
Applied Information Technology	_____
Art	_____
Band Method 2	_____
Business Management and Enterprise	_____
Classics	_____
Computer Graphics 2	_____
Creating with Textiles	_____
Dance	_____
Design	_____
Engineering Studies	_____
Food Science and Technology	_____
French	_____
Japanese	_____
Materials Design and Technology	_____
Media Studies	_____
Music	_____
Outdoor Education	_____
Sports Performance and Management	_____
Vocal Studies 2	_____

Comments: _____

(Student's Signature) (Parent/Guardian's Signature)

Elective Selection Form Year 9 – 2010

The range of Year 9 Elective Subjects are listed alphabetically below. Please rank your choices, with one being the most desirable subject, two being the next most desirable subject, and so on. You must return this Elective Selection Form to Student Services on Tuesday 15 September 2009. Please rank your first eight choices.

Student's Name: _____ PC Group: _____

Subject	Rank
Applied Information Technology	_____
Art	_____
Band Method 1	_____
Business Management and Enterprise	_____
Computer Graphics 1	_____
Design	_____
Engineering Studies	_____
Food Science and Technology	_____
French	_____
Japanese	_____
Materials Design and Technology	_____
Media Studies	_____
Music	_____
Recreation and Leisure Studies	_____
Sports Performance and Management	_____
Textiles and Design	_____
Vocal Studies 1	_____

Comments: _____

(Student's Signature) (Parent/Guardian's Signature)

Year 8 Medieval Day

Only Two Weeks Away!

This year *Medieval Day* will be held on Tuesday 22 September 2009. Year 8 students will be venturing into the realms of medieval times as they celebrate together with *Medieval Mayhem*, an exciting incursion which will complement our Society and Environment program.

We encourage parents to help their children organise a costume to be worn on the day. It doesn't have to cost much, with a little imagination and creativity and the use of second-hand stores, amazing costumes can be fashioned. We are expecting ALL students to come dressed in costume and participate in the spirit of the event.

Mrs J Bailey

Head of Junior Secondary



10 Year Reunion - Class of 1999



Every year we host a ten year reunion for students and staff of Swan Christian College. This year's reunion will be held for the Class of 1999 at *The Swan Centre*, Swan Christian College on Saturday 13 November 2009.

The reunion will commence at 10:30am with coffee and light refreshments followed by a tour of the College and lunch at *Chapel Farm Restaurant*.

Please contact Mr Ewing on 9374 8336 or email normane@scea.wa.edu.au to register your interest in attending.

Mr N Ewing
Year 12 Coordinator

Urban Missions Camp

From 29 September to 2 October 2009, Swan Christian College will partner with Youth With A Mission (YWAM) to run our fifth annual Urban Missions Camp!

These camps are always very rewarding and enjoyable as students immerse themselves in activities which reach out to the needs of our community. The students will stay at the YWAM base in the city and will be mentored by the YWAM staff, as well as experience many team building and leadership activities. The days will involve visiting various families in crisis and helping with both cleaning and gardening duties. We will also be visiting an indigenous community to build relationships and serve.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to both deepen their relationship with God, develop empathy for those less fortunate and discover the blessing that comes when we reach out to others.

The cost of the camp is \$100 and application forms are available from Student Services. Places are limited so be prompt in returning your application.

For further information, please contact Mr Hockley on 9374 8300.

Mr R Hockley
Missions Director



Congratulations!



Congratulations to Margaret W, winner of this year's *Short Story Competition* for her short story in verse, *Monsters*. Also congratulations to Josiah L, this year's runner-up for his short story in prose, *Trouble at Sea* and to Ruth C, second runner-up for her short story in verse, *Daily Used Coffins*.

Come by the Library to read these three top short stories. Next year the winner could be you!

Mr M Grisham
Librarian

Farewell

Some of you know me, others don't. I was here in Australia for 12 weeks from Sunday 14 June to Monday 7 September 2009. I'm Italian and am attending an aeronautical school which is taking me for two more years. I would like to work as a pilot in the future and this is why I came to Australia; to improve my English because to be a pilot your English must be perfect! I'm sure my English has improved because of lots of help from teachers and my host family.



At the beginning it was really hard to understand and speak the language but as time passed it became much easier. I really enjoyed my stay and my host family was lovely. My teachers and school mates were lovely too, so kind to me.

I have to thank Swan Christian College for making me feel welcome and helping me a lot. I'm so sad I had to leave but I'm sure I will come back.

Andrea Bottecchia
Italian Exchange Student

From the Vocational Education and Training Department



A *Defence Technical Scholarship* (DTS) is a fantastic opportunity for Year 11 and 12 students intending to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Year 11 recipients will receive \$2000 paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive \$3000 paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, you will be required to tell us why you are interested in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process. For 2010, Defence will offer up to 1,500 scholarships.

Am I eligible?

If you will be progressing to either Year 11 or 12 in 2010, you may be eligible to lodge an application if you meet the DTS criteria.

You must:

- be an Australian citizen or permanent resident
- complete an application form and demonstrate a genuine interest in pursuing an ADF general entry technical trade career
- have your application approved by your parents/guardian and either your School VET Coordinator or nominated DTS representative
- be eligible to and enrol in a mathematics subject for Year 11/12
- be eligible to and enrol in a VET technical subject for Year 11/12. Speak with your School VET Coordinator or nominated DTS representative if your school does not have a VET program.

Please note that there are no quotas for individual States and Territories. Scholarships will be awarded at the discretion of Defence, selection of recipients will be final and no correspondence will be entered into.

See <http://www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/dts/> for more info and application forms.



Mission Mongolia

As you all know, there are many people around the world less fortunate than ourselves. We have everything we need and more and when given the opportunity to help, we class it a privilege and do all that we can.

Jordan Loftus of Swan Christian College and Zachary Loftus of Midland Christian School have been given this opportunity. In the October school holidays they will be travelling to a small village in Mongolia. They will be working with others to provide the locals with many of the things that we take for granted; clothes, food, shelter etc.

Therefore, we are asking the College community to please support our fundraising efforts by making monetary donations. Any amount large or small will be greatly appreciated. All money raised goes directly to helping the Mongolian people. We are attempting to raise \$2000 by mid-September!

Please place donations in an envelope marked 'Mission Mongolia' and deliver in to the College office. For further information, please contact Kathy Loftus on 0414 734 995.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Please note that all money raised goes directly to the provision of goods and materials for the Mongolian people and does not contribute to personal expenses on the trip.

Mrs K Loftus
**Swan Christian College and
Midland Christian School Parent**



Three children of approximately 30, who rely on the Mission Mongolia feeding program.

From the Cafe

SCEA Vacancies

Next Week's Menu

A small serving is \$4 and a large serving is \$6. Vegetarian options are also available each day.

Monday:	Baked Moroccan Chicken and Rice
Tuesday:	Peppercorn Beef and Vegetables
Wednesday:	Chicken and Bean Madras
Thursday:	Macaroni Cheese and Vegetables
Friday:	Spring Partridge with Vegetables and Basmati Rice

Swan Christian Education Association is looking for a Human Resources Officer. The position is advertised on their website, www.scea.wa.edu.au and the closing date is 24 September 2009.

We are in desperate need of parents to assist in the Café throughout the week. If you are available to help, please contact me in the Café or call the College on 9374 8300.

Thank you to everyone that has volunteered throughout the year - it is greatly appreciated.

Mr R Cardillo
Cafe Manager

Dates for Your Diary

Term 3

Date	Day	Week	Event
14 September	Monday	9	Year 8, 2011 Enrolment Information Session
16 to 25 September	Wednesday to Friday	9 and 10	Mock TEE
17 September	Thursday	9	Associated Catholic Colleges (ACC) Athletics Carnival
22 to 25 September	Tuesday to Friday	10	Year 11 Outdoor Education Camp
23 to 25 September	Wednesday to Friday	10	Year 10 Camp
25 September	Friday	10	Last Day Term 3

Term 4

Date	Day	Week	Event
13 October	Tuesday	1	Students Commence Term 4
23 October	Friday	2	Last Day for Year 12 Students Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

* dates may be subject to change